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In re Patent Application of:

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TITLE: IMPROVED SAW BLADE GUIDE  
AND COMPONENTS THEREFOR

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Group Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: C. Dexter

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**ELECTION OF INVENTION AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of Patent & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action (Restriction Requirement) dated February 8, 2002,  
Applicant elects with traverse Group II: Claims 1, 7-12 and 14-20 for continued prosecution  
herein.

Applicant acknowledges Examiner's statements that claims 1 and 10 include subject  
matter that is common to both Group I and Group II, and that rejoinder of claims 1-9 "will be  
considered" if claim 1 is found to be allowable. In light of the statements made by the Examiner,  
an Election of Species Requirement, not a Restriction Requirement, appears to be appropriate.

Applicant asserts that claims 1 and 10 are generic claims linking the inventions of Groups  
I and II. As such, the Examiner should have issued an Election of Species Requirement under 35  
U.S.C. 121, wherein applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution to  
which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Accordingly, all claims of the application should be considered and the species of Group I must be considered and allowed if generic claims 1 and 10 are found to be allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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